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1. AS A RESULT OF CONTINUED CONGESTION IN BOMBAY PORT (SEE
REFTEL) THE KARMAHOM SHIPPING CONFERENCE, WHOSE MEMBERS
OPERATE LINER SERVICES BETWEEN WEST COAST OF INDIA AND U.K.
AND CONTINENT, HAS IMPOSED EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 2 A SURCHARGE
OF 15 PERCENT ON CARGOES MOVING IN AND OUT OF BOMBAY PORT.
A.S. MEHTA, CHAIRMAN OF KARMAHOM CONFERENCE IN BOMBAY HAS
CLARIFIED THAT PORT CONGESTION IN BOMBAY HAS DETERIORATED
SINCE OCTOBER AND SURCHARGE HAS BECOME INEVITABLE.

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2. ALTHOUGH OTHER SHIPPING CONFERENCES OPERATING SERVICES TO BOMBAY PORT HAVE NOT YET ANNOUNCED ANY SURCHARGE, SHIPPING CIRCLES EXPECT THEM TO FOLLOW SUIT. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT A SURCHARGE FOR BOMBAY WAS IMPOSED IN AUGUST 1973 AND WAS WITHDRAWN IN FEBRUARY 1974. AT THAT TIME ALSO, KARMAHOM LEAD IN THE MATTER WAS FOLLOWED BY OTHER CONFERENCES INCLUDING THOSE OPERATING SERVICES IN INDIA-US ROUTES. SIGNED MCCASKILL
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